



# POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Week 2, Term 1 2020

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

A special welcome to our new students Oriwa, Emma, Aimi and Aran, Jaylem and Nevaeh, Kingston, Josh, Marley, and their whānau / families. We are very happy to have you at our school, and we hope that you all enjoy your time here. Welcome back to our students, and their whānau from last year. We have an awesome group of students who have settled into school life and learning with ease. It was awesome to see so many new students and families at our Powhiri on Maungarongo Marae and joining us back at school for Kai. Special thanks to Whaea Hoana, Jesse and Lorraine "Nana Nossie," for their roles in the Powhiri. A special acknowledgement to Jake who spoke on behalf of the Manuhiri (visitors) .

This term is a busy one with lots of events, so keep a close eye on the Diary section at the end of the newsletter and in the bags for notices. Our website is also a good place to go to for updates, and we have some exciting things happening in that space very shortly.

The school booklet attached to this newsletter contains everything you need to know for life at Poroti School. If we have not addressed any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Last Friday the staff: Mrs J, Mrs Pye, Mrs Booth, Mrs Grenfell, Ms Macdonald and Whaea Hoana had a very productive day with Te Ahua and Rebecca around Digital Technology and how it will look at Poroti. We have set up new learning programmes for both Junior and Senior classes, after a lot of time spent erasing and resetting devices with appropriate programmes for classroom learning. This will all be explained at our Class meetings in Week 3.

This week we have started Cricket coaching with Matt from Northland Cricket, which will lead up to a Tournament for the Year 4 – 8 students with the other schools in our Community of Learning, on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Maungakareme. Alongside that we have Watersafe on Wednesday afternoons. Each class has 4 sessions around safety and survival in the water. This week we learnt with Life Jackets on – how to make a safe entry backwards into the pool, what to do in the water with regards to surviving on our own or in a group. Our Instructor is Louise from Sport Northland . Please ensure that children have their togs and towels. She is teaching our students survival skills in the water, and you never know when they may be in a situation to use them.

**MRS J**

**PRINCIPAL**

#### **BOT SPOT:**

Next BOT meeting is next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm in School Staffroom . Minutes are available at school after the meeting if anyone should wish to read them.

#### **CLASS MEETINGS:**

Next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February we will hold our Beginning of the Year Picnic / Blanket Evening and Class meetings. This is an informal evening when we open the pool, families bring a blanket and picnic for their family and we mix and mingle and then it is on to the Class meetings. As some families have children in both classes the meeting times run one after the other. This is a time for teachers to explain their expectations, homework, routines etc and a chance for you to ask any questions. We are always open to having individual meetings if you wish to make one to discuss your child away from the other parents.

Feel free to arrive from 5.45 p.m.

Junior Class meeting : 6.45 p.m. and the Senior Class meeting will be at 7.15 p.m.

### HAVE – A – GO DAY:

Some of our Senior Students will have a medical/release form to be filled in for the Have – a – go day at Kai Iwi Lakes on March 13<sup>th</sup>. This is run by Sport Northland and will involve boat safety and water survival skills, yachting, and snorkelling. We were only offered a limited amount of spaces so swimming ability, year level and other factors have been taken into account. If your child has a form and you don't wish for them to attend please contact the school so we can discuss. Mrs Pye and I have chosen carefully, and we consider this to be a privilege, and a great opportunity, and hope students don't opt out just because they don't want to go. We ask for your support in this, as we are one of the chosen schools who were invited to attend.

### TROPHIES:

If you could return all trophies to school by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February we will get them engraved and up to date and back to you.

### WANTED:

Ice cream containers and lids please for storage of craft items.

### MANGAKAHIA SUMMER FESTIVAL:

Our school is having a stall at this festival. If anyone has access to quantities of watermelon and / or corn please contact the school or see Mrs J. We can pay for them at a good price! We envisage having games for kids to play similar to those we have on AG Day as a fundraiser. A volunteer notice will come home with time allocations. There is a Decorated Cake competition for the children as well. See details below.

**MANGAKAHIA SUMMER FESTIVAL** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February at the Mangakahia Sports Complex  
**KIDS DECORATED CAKE COMPETITION - 'Summer Theme'**

**Two divisions:** Under 10 years and Over 10 years.

**Prizes in each division:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

**\*\*Entries on the day of the Festival to the Complex**

**\*\*Prizes sponsored by ...Graeme Johnson Jewels and Time**



### ...Community Notices...

**Mangakahia Junior Soccer Club** invites boys & girls aged 5 – 12 to join for this year's season. Registration days to be Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb on field at Maungatapere School or Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at Kokopu School. Rego times from 3pm to 5pm. Enquires to Rebecca Harrow 021 1295 734 or you can see Susan here at the office.

**Mangakahia Summer Festival:** Mangakahia Sports Complex 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Family fun and games, live music, food. As per the flyer on the back of last week's newsletter



**Open Night, Thursday 27 February 2020 5:30 to 7:30pm** First Floor Civic Arcade, Bank St 09 430 0693 [admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz](mailto:admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz) Is your child being well taught but still not making the progress you would expect? Could your child be dyslexic, have a specific learning disability? Come and see where we are based, meet our teaching team and learn what we can offer to support your child's learning. All welcome. Entry is through the fire escape on Bank St.



**SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2020 - 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

**WAKA AND WAVE – HIHIAUA PENINSULA**

**FREE ENTRY...FOOD...MUSIC...DANCE...FAMILY DAY...CULTURE...CRAFT**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Picnic evening and Class meetings
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Mangakahia Summer Festival at complex 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Ballet in a Box 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Whole school trip
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	12 Seniors at Have- a – go day at Kai Iwi Lakes
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	School Inter-house swimming sports in afternoon
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 & 8 Immunisation

